pany, as a result thereof, is not likely to become viable in future, it may require by an Order an Operating Agency to enquire into and make a report with respect to such matters as may be specified in the orders. Since no order that the BIFR has come to such an opinion about ECL has so far been received no revival plan has been formulated by the Government and no Operating Agency has been identified.

मध्य प्रदेश के विकास के लिए आयोग का गठन

*316. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के विकास के लिए किसी आयोग का गठन किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विकास हेतु राज्य के किन-किन क्षेत्रों को चुना गया था;

(ग) क्या राज्य के छत्तीसगढ़ क्षेत्र के लिए एक पृथक विकास बोर्ड स्थापित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा उस पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Bottleneck in foodgraing export

*317. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a report in the 'Hindustan Times' of November 29, 1995, captioned "Bottlenecks hamper foodgrains export";

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) what quantity of foodgrains has been procured by Government during the current year, particularly from Punjab and Haryana and other wheat and rice growing states;

(d) what steps Government have taken to remove the hurdles, being faced by farmers namely, shortage of railway wagons, transportation of foodgrains by road and the lack of facilities for export of foodgrains; and

(e) whether Government will lose foreign exchange on account of these problems and if so, the remedial steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The report gives a general review of the situation relating to agro exports from India; and highlights transportation bottlenecks like shortage of wagons and reduced loading limits on trucks.

(c) The quantity of rice/paddy in terms of rice procured during the current Kharif 1995-96 marketing season (October-September) and wheat during the current Rabi 1995-96 marketing season (April-March) major wheat and rice growing States is given below:—

(*In lakh tonnes*)

	Rice*	Wheat$
Andhra Pradesh	2.02	—
Haryana	5.03	31.02
Karnataka	0.08	—
Madhya Pradesh	1.24	1.68
Maharashtra	0.16	—
Orissa	0.52	—
Punjab	34.16	72.90

	Rice*	Wheat$
Rajasthan	—	4.54
Uttar Pradesh	22.00	13.02
West Bengal	0.07	—
	45.29	123.16

* — figures as on 14.12.95

$ — figures as on 1.12.95

(d) Export of rice during the period April-August, 1995, have been of the order of 14.5 lakh tonnes as compared with 2.35 lakh tonnes during the same period last year. The manifold quantitative increase in exports has strained the infrastructure. A number of inter-Ministerial meetings have been held and efforts are constantly made to sort out the problems faced by the exporters, including farmers, if any, who are also the exporters of foodgrains.

(e) Foreign exchange earnings by export will depend, *inter alia*, on the quantity of wheat and rice actually exported in 1995-96. More than three months are still left in the current financial year to precisely give the figures of export.

Criteria for sampling of coal

*318. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state what are the criteria taken into consideration by the Coal Controller of the Government on the mode of sampling of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) In exercise of powers conferred under Clause 3A(4) of the Colliery Control Order, 1945, the Coal Controller to the Government of India has laid down the standards for sampling method which is similar to IS:436 of 1964. He has prescribed a sample from a minimum of 10% wagons as compared to 25% under IS:436 of 1964.

Young girls working as maids in Singapore

*319. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that youg girls of North-Eastern Region were recruited to work as maids in Singapore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of firms registered with the Ministry of Labour for this purpose; and

(d) the measures taken to check the antecedents of the firms engaged in sending workers abroad?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. This is an ongoing process and as of now three girls have been given clearance by Protector of Emigrants to work as maids in Singapore.

(b) Names and details of the Indian and Singapore agencies which are involved in the recruitment of Indian maids from the north-east region are as follows:

(1) S.S. Navalkar, Uniexporters, Navalkars Tours and Travels, 47, Laxmi Building, 3rd floor, P.M. Road, Bombay-400 001.
Tel. : 2663434/2679093

(2) Akid Zaman, H & Z International Inc., Jayanta Commercial Centre, Panchavati G.N.B. Road, Guwahati (Assam).

(3) Mrs. Winne Wang, Further Creation Investment Pvt. Ltd., Singapore.
Tel.: 2250707

(c) and (d) As on 22.11.1995, 2668 Recruiting Agencies have been issued Registration Certificates under the Emigration Act, 1983 for the whole country. Before issue of Registration Certificates, the antecedents of the proprietor/partners/Directors of the agencies are got verified from the concerned police authorities.